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TAGS: SHUM PINT ES
SUBJ: ARCHBISHOP BOWS OUT OF GUATEMALAN AMBASSADOR'S DINNER

REF: SAN SALVADOR 1211, SAN SALVADOR 1400

1. REFTELS REPORTED AN ATTEMPT TO BRING TOGETHER ON APRIL 4
PRESIDENT ROMERO, VICE PRESIDENT ASTACIO, CARDINAL CASARIEGO,
THE PAPAL NUNCIO AND ARCHBISHOP ROMERO AS DINNER GUESTS OF
THE GUATEMALAN AMBASSADOR AND WIFE IN THE HOPE THAT THIS
MIGHT PROVIDE AN OCCASION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION AND
FORWARD MOVEMENT ON CHURCH-STATE DIFFERENCES AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. AS OF MARCH 31, ARCHBISHOP ROMERO WITHDREW HIS ACCEPTANCE
OF THE DINNER INVITATION.

3. CLEARLY WITH REFERENCE TO HOLY WEEK EVENTS IN THE AREA
OF SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN, THE ARCHBISHOP WROTE HIS PROSPECTIVE
HOST THAT "SUBSEQUENT CIRCUMSTANCES" AND THE GOVERNMENT'S
"TENDENTIOUS VERSION" OF THOSE EVENTS, WHICH HE SAID TENDS
TO PLACE THE BLAME FOR THEM ON THE CHURCH, WOULD "MAKE VERY
DIFFICULT MY PRESENCE AT YOUR RESIDENCE."

4. THE DINNER HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

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